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COST ESTIMATE

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S. 645
Measuring the Economic Impact of Broadband Act of 2018

*As ordered reported by the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
on June 27, 2018*

S. 645 would direct the Department of Commerce (DOC) to assess and analyze the contributions of the digital economy to the economy of the United States and produce a report every two years. The analysis would include the effect of digital-enabling infrastructure, broadband, e-commerce, and digital media.

Using information from the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, CBO estimates that implementing S. 645 would cost \$2 million over the 2019-2023 period for the BEA to coordinate with several federal agencies and produce the required analysis and reports; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting S. 645 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting S. 645 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

S. 645 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

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